

CITY OFFICIALS DISCUSS TWINING TRANSIT PLANS Mayor and Cabinet Consider Changes Proposed by Director PUBLIC HEARING TODAY

Mayor Insists Transit Plans Must Suit Public

"I am sure that when the Twining transit plans are fairly presented to the public they will be satisfactory to every one," said Mayor Smith, this afternoon. "They must be satisfactory. They will be made so. I want them to be satisfactory to the public, for that is the keynote of my Administration. I am working with zeal with a view to serving the public. It can be depended on that no steps will be taken that have in view any other interests than those of the public. Nothing personal, private or corporate will enter into it."

Transit Director Twining's revised plan of rapid transit development for Philadelphia is under consideration by the Mayor, his Cabinet and City Solicitor Connolly today. The complete report, containing all recommended changes in the Taylor plan and the arguments in favor of the changes, was laid before the Mayor early last evening. He held a long conference with Director Twining, Assistant Director Atkinson and Director of Public Works Datesman. The reaction of the Mayor to the Twining emancipated plan will be left entirely to the voters of the city.

Transit Director Twining was such an early caller at the Mayor's office today that he beat Mr. Smith there. He only had to wait a few minutes, though, before Mayor Smith arrived.

The pair conferred for about 10 minutes and then Director Twining left for his office in the hour.

Joseph Smith, secretary to the Mayor, announced that the Twining plans could not be given out to the public until they come back from the printer, where they were sent this morning. That will make it tomorrow at the earliest, and possibly Saturday.

The Mayor, however, as his brother-secretary said, will not postpone his trip to Augusta, Ga. He will leave tomorrow and stay 10 days.

During his absence he expects public sentiment on the transit question to crystallize. Whatever course the city takes, the Mayor made it plain, will be determined by the wishes of the voters. To facilitate the fullest and freest discussion of the Twining recommendations, the Mayor is having thousands of copies of the report printed for general distribution.

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"Will you make any effort to influence public opinion to the acceptance of any particular plan?" the Mayor was asked. "Absolutely no; that is clearly up to the people. It means nothing to me. If I had nothing to do for the next four years but spend money freely, we could proceed on an extravagant basis, but there has been so much criticism of the extravagance of preceding administrations I shall endeavor to conduct mine along conservative lines."

At the same time the Mayor said it was his belief that the greater part of the opposition which has been voiced to the Twining plan since it was made public in brief last Friday, came from the residents of outlying sections such as Holmesburg, Roxborough and others. The question to be determined, he said, is whether the taxpayers wish to bear the burden of building lines to benefit the small outlying sections.

Senator McNichol was in conference with Mayor Smith for approximately an hour today. He was asked whether the transit situation was discussed.

"Oh, I just dropped in to pay my respects to the Mayor before his trip south," the Senator said.

He referred questions regarding the conversation to the Mayor, but the Mayor declined likewise to reveal what was said.

CITY HALL CHANGES Irrespective of what views the public may have upon the Twining plan as a whole, the Mayor will insist that the station changes under City Hall be followed out according to the ideas outlined by the transit director. The Mayor also believes that the Frankford Elevated should end at Bridge street, instead of being continued to Rhawn street.

Whether or not the 3rd street subway is to end, for the present, at Spruce street on the south and Erie avenue on the north will be settled by the wishes of the public. It is understood that the report will recommend only the construction of such parts of the Taylor high-speed system as will be on a revenue-producing basis in five years. Director Twining is reported to have said that the Taylor plan, if followed out in full at this time, could not be made to pay for 42 years.

Leaders of business associations throughout the city made it plain today that they would continue their fight for the defeat of the emancipated Twining transit program and for the adoption of the Taylor plans in full. Special meetings will be called in all sections of the city as soon as the Twining report has been made public.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION Select Councilman George C. Ulrich, of the 43d Ward, chairman of the Subway and Transportation Committee of the Logan Improvement League, will introduce a resolution at the meeting of the league tonight protesting against the Twining changes. The resolution was introduced unanimously by the Subway and Transportation Committee. Mr. Ulrich said today that it was adopted by the committee without opposition.

The resolution follows: Whereas, We have learned with deep regret and great concern that the revision of the plans for high-speed transit lines by our Director of Transit recommends the curtailment of that portion of the subway to be constructed in Broad street from Erie avenue to Olney avenue, and

Whereas, After a most thorough and scientific investigation of the subject by Councils Finance and Street Railways Committees and public hearings of our citizens before those committees, City Councils passed the necessary legislation to construct a subway in Broad street to Olney avenue, which the residents of North Philadelphia believe to be of vital importance and necessity to the taxpayers and residents of our city,

And whereas, in anticipation of the construction of a subway in Broad street to Olney avenue, plans are being made for the division of many acres of land and the erection of thousands of dwelling houses in North Philadelphia, Logan, Oak Lane, Olney, Fern Rock, Tabor, Branchtown and East Germantown, which when completed will add hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to our city treasury in taxes, sufficient, we



GEORGE C. ULRICH Select Councilman of 43d Ward, who will introduce a resolution before the Subway Committee of the Logan Improvement League tonight, protesting against changes in the transit plan, as proposed by Director Twining.

GERMANS TAKE FORT DE VAUX, NEAR VERDUN

Continued from Page One Germans on the Verdun front, both to the east and to the west of the Meuse, but were repulsed by the French troops, the War Office announced this afternoon. At one time, according to the communique issued by the War Office, the Germans succeeded in entering the village of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, but were immediately expelled by a bayonet attack. There was also fierce fighting northwest of Verdun, but the French repelled the German efforts to regain the positions which they had lost in Corbeaux forest.

The text of the communique follows: "In the Argonne our artillery has caused the bombardment of the enemy's line of communication particularly in the sectors Argonne and in the region of Montfaucou and Nanteuil.

"West of the Meuse the enemy attempted several attacks in the course of the night, seeking to overcome his reverses of yesterday. Two attacks were launched following a violent artillery preparation against the village of Bethoncourt, but were stopped by our curtains of fire, which the commandant Forest renewed efforts by the enemy failed to dislodge us from the large space of recomposed ground which we had consolidated.

"East of the Meuse the battle has continued with tenacity. Yesterday evening and in the course of the night the Germans directed several attacks with powerful forces against our positions in the region between Souaumont and the village of Vaux. Despite the violence of his artillery fire and the evidence of his assaults the enemy was unable to break our lines.

"Some German infantry forces, which had penetrated momentarily the village of Vaux, were immediately driven out by a counter-attack with the bayonet.

"In the Woivre region, both sides carried on an intermittent cannonade without any infantry action. A surprise attack west of Le Protte forest resulted in our taking 20 prisoners.

"There has been no let-up in the smothering artillery duel which is still raging all along the front from the Champagne region to St. Mihiel. Both sides are using guns of every calibre and a perfect torpido of shells are falling night and day.

"Rain has followed the recent cold snap, accompanied by fog, but despite the murkiness of the atmosphere the gunners are kept at their task throwing numberless projectiles against the positions of the enemy.

Opposition to the Twining transit plan and support of the Taylor plan in its entirety were contained last night in resolutions passed at a meeting of the Kensington Merchants' Association in the Hunterbury School, at Mascher and Dampin streets.

At a meeting of the Fifty-second and Market Streets Business Men's Association in the West Branch Y. M. C. A. last night the matter of the change in the transit plans was introduced for discussion. Views of several members revealed the fact that the Twining plan and how it would affect different sections of the city were not very definitely known. Rather than take hasty action on the matter discussion was laid over.

Lieutenant Bausewine's Case Held Up The Police Board hearing of the charges against Lieutenant George Bausewine, of the 12th and Pine streets station, failed to materialize today and the case was set over a week. Bausewine, who is accused of disobeying orders of the Superintendent of Police in failing to restate two men of his station as acting detectives, was not formally notified to be at the hearing today, it was said. The charges will be heard next Thursday.

Fall Fractures Man's Skull Michael Delfino, 50 years old, of 122 Jamestown street, Manayunk, a mechanical engineer employed at the Ripka Mills is in a serious condition at St. Timothy's Hospital, suffering from a fractured skull received when he slipped and fell down stairs at the mills last night.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES Alfonso Di Guglielmo, 2728 Mt. Vernon st., and Mary Marzullo, 1202 E. Passyunk ave.; Edward J. Harris, 1219 Arch st., and Dolia Alberici, 1219 Arch st.; Franklin st., and Sadie Dawson, 428 S. 11th st.; and Lena Lerner, 1202 Hilltop st.; Hittor st., and Lena Lerner, 1202 Hilltop st.; Woodbury, N. J., 404 Mary St.; Rose, Woodbury, N. J.; and Mary Morris, S. Gillespie, Philadelphia, Pa., and Lewis Joseph, Newark, N. J.; Frederick N. Stanbridge, 2209 Haverford ave., and Roberta K. Myers, 207 W. Susquehanna ave.; Herman K. Haysler, 1141 Kensington ave., and Lucie Lindmann, 1927 N. 33d st.; William G. Hooper, 228 W. Hagar st., and Mary McNeal, 222 W. York st.

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UNWITNESSED PAPER STARTS WILL CLASH OVER \$100,000 ESTATE

Brother of Washington I. Shore, Wool Merchant, Disputes the Claim of Testator's Young Friend

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A legal battle to prevent the probate of an unwitnessed paper, purporting to be the will of Washington I. Shore, late of 4622 Sanson street, was waged today before Register Sheehan. The principal objector to the probate was Howard E. Shore, a brother of the testator.

The decedent shared his apartments with a young man named Hubert J. Johns and was found dead in bed on February 1. He was vice president of the firm of Wolfender, Shore & Co., wool manufacturers, at Cardington, Pa., and left an estate valued at \$100,000, all of which he bequeathed to Hubert J. Johns, with the exception of his jewelry, which are devised to his niece, Dorothy Shore. The disputed writing is dated January

24, 1916, and in it Howard E. Shore is ignored. Another will, executed two years ago, left all the property to his brother during life, with reversion to his children. This will has also been offered for probate.

At the hearing attorneys for Howard E. Shore contended that the wool merchant was not of sound mind when the later will was made and that he lacked testamentary capacity.

John, when sworn, declared the disputed writing to be that of the testator, and said he was familiar with Mr. Shore's writing from having seen him sign checks and business letters.

"When did you first see this document now in dispute?" asked the attorney for the caveator.

"On January 25," was the reply. "How did you come to see it?" "I found it on the bottom shelf of a table in Mr. Shore's room."

"Just lying on the shelf?" "No, it was between two fiction magazines." "What was on the other shelf on top of the table?" "A box of poker chips."

"To whom did they belong?" "Howard E. Shore, the testator's brother." "How long had they been there?" "Since the previous Saturday night.

when Mr. Shore had a poker party in his apartment. He had asked his brother to bring the chips."

"How many were in the party?" "Howard E. Shore, myself and four other men."

"Did Washington I. Shore play?" "He did not."

In response to questions the witness told in detail of the poker party and declared that he had lost considerable money.

Du Pont May Seek Senate Seat WILMINGTON, Del., March 9.—Reports from the lower part of the State are to the effect that the return of J. Frank Allen, former United States Senator, to the ranks of the Republican party after he cast his lot with the Progressives is a move on the part of Allen and Frank Hall Davis, a prominent Republican of Kent organization and to make Alfred I. du Pont a candidate for United States Senator on the Republican ticket in the next election.

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Rosenfeld-Weber Recital Deborah Rosenfeld, pianist, and Louis Weber, contralto, made a bow to the musical public in a joint recital last evening. Their individual contributions, a program that averaged better than the normal in variety and interest, revealed through schooling and the skill that comes from industrious practice and alert intelligence. Miss Rosenfeld, in a number of familiar pieces, displayed her technical capacity to advantage, and Miss Weber's songs and arias disclosed a voice of excellent quality, ably handled and also a pleasing idea of correct diction.

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Dr. Duval is a scientist of recognized standing. The Department of Agriculture, through the Bureau of Animal Industry, is planning to make thorough tests of this discovery at Ames, Iowa, during the early spring.

Whether or not these tests will prove that Dr. Duval is right, no farmer should fail to read what he said to the Congressional Committee on Agriculture.

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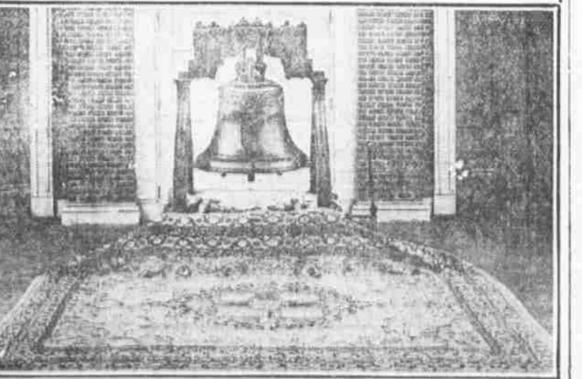
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